

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace page 5, lines 13-22 with the following:

To attach hose 104 to housing 102, a user simply places or hooks recess 125 over engagement member 110. When recess 125 and engagement member 110 are engaged, as shown in FIGS. 3 and 4, longitudinal portion 134 of engagement member 110 is received within longitudinal opening 132, and crosswise portion 136 is received within crosswise opening 130. Both crosswise opening 130 and longitudinal opening 132 are obscured in FIGS. 3 and 4 but are seen clearly in FIG. 2. Therefore, opposing sides 138 of end portions 128 of first arm 122 and second arm 124 are in contact with longitudinal portion 134, and opposing sides 140 of end portions 128 are in contact with crosswise portion 136. The contact between opposing sides 140 of end portions 128 with crosswise portion 136 holds adapter ~~106~~ 116 (and inherently hose 104) to housing 102.

Please replace page 6, lines 1-7 with the following:

Referring to FIG. 5, a frontal view of engagement member 110 is shown. Longitudinal portion 134 is shown as a dotted line and extends out of the page from housing 102. Longitudinal portion 134 is connected to crosswise portion 136. Longitudinal portion 134 is transverse to and in communication with crosswise portion 136. To connect hose 104 to housing 102, a user places recess 125 (FIG. 2) over crosswise portion 136, and opposing sides 140 of end portions 128 (Fig. 4) of arms 122, 124 then contact opposing sides 141 of crosswise portion to hold adapter ~~106~~ 116 to housing 102.

Please replace page 6, line 16-page 7, line 2 with the following:

Turning back to FIG. 1, it is shown that hose 104 can be attached to an apparatus, such as vacuum cleaner 100, by attaching an adapter 116 at first end 106 and second end 108 of hose 104. Engagement ~~member~~ members 110,~~112~~ are then attached opposing sides 148, 150 of housing 102. A user then simply utilizes recesses 125 and engagement members 110,~~112~~ to attach hose 104 to housing 102 on each side 148, 150, by placing each recess 125 over each engagement member 110,~~112~~. The “T” shaped cross section of engagement members 110,~~112~~ easily fits within the “T” shaped space formed by recess 125. Plate 142 prevents adapter ~~106~~ 116 from sliding off of housing 102. Hose 104 is then attached on each side 148, 150. The intermediate part of hose (not shown) can then be wrapped around housing 102.